Air Service at Hubli airport

767. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flights from Hubli airport have b-.^n suspended for the last many months; and

(b) if so, by when the same *tan* likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY Wl IH ADDITIONAL CHARGE Or THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIAKON (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a; Yes, Sir.

(b) The services may be resumed after the High Tension line across the approach sector of the runway is removed by the State Government and the availability of aircraft with Vayudoot Limited is improved.

Import of crude oil fro;»i Iraq

768. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import crude oil from Iraq during the year 1990-91;

(b) if so, what are the details of this deal; and

(c) what steps Government propose *to* take to increase the prodiivtion of crude oil in the country to minimise its import in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) For the year 1990-91 Indian Oil Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SOMO, National Oil Co. of Iraq for import of 2.25 million tonnes of crude oil.

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to increas$_e$ production of oil include:

—Prevention of decline in producing fields by expediting liquid ition of sick wells, introduction of artificial lift schemes as and when required, and

periodical stimulatioi of wells to increase their production.

—Timely completion of ongoing development programme i.e. drilling of development wells, and installation of surface production, processing and transpoj (ation facilities.

—Taking up of new development p-.ojects in order to obtain production from new fields.

Expansion of Barauni Reflnery in Bihar

769. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA VARTY: Will the Minister of PEiROLEUM AND CHEMTCALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governme.it propose to take action for the expansion of Barauni Refinery in Bihar; and

(b) if so, from what sources, Government expect to get excess crude to meet the extended capacity of Barauni Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHR? M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The project for augmentation of utilities|offsit$_e$ facilities at a total cost of Rs. 19.3 crores to enable operation of Barauni refinery at 3.8 M1PA is still under consideration of the Government.

Electricity Bills by DESU

770. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking 'S at present sending bills of electricity charges by nost resulting in non-delivery, delay, extra burden on the mail as well as manifold problems to the consumers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that earlier these bills were sent by DES.'J through Messenger service; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to revert back to the earlier practice to solve the problems being faced by the consumers?